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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED JANUARY 3, 2007

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 3, 2007 ("the Final Office Action"), Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections. Because this response has been timely filed, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue an advisory action if the Examiner does not find the claims to be allowable in light of the amendments and remarks made herein. In response to the Final Office Action, Applicants submit the following:

- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and
- Remarks / Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.